Wilmington July 26th 1850

My Dear Dr. Gray,

Your card received. I will write to Eaton as you suggest. I hardly expect to be able to get away from home this summer nor to attend the association meeting at Boston. But if I can, run for a day or two, I will arrange to be on hand on the 28th day. or that I may attend the reception at the Botanic Garden which I see is set down for that day, and then see you and Mrs. Gray once more before you go abroad.

This would be a great satisfaction: but as I cannot say that I can come to you for a day or two with any degree of certainty, I must,

while thanking you for your kind offer, so you decline as to leave you free to count upon my room rather than my company if circumstances should make it desirable for you to do so.

With kindest regards to all.

Yours sincerely

Wm. M. Canby

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